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REMARKS

In response to the indicated Action, the Applicants amend the claims as indicated herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 244 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 217 has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of claim 244 and claim 244 is herein cancelled.

In addition, Applicants have added new claim 284 directed to the method of claim 217, practiced using a polypeptide as recited therein from which the linker sequence has been deleted. This claim replaces claim 275. New claim 285 is directed to a preferred embodiment of new claim 284, support for which is provided at page 25, lines 25, lines 3-9, and, for example, page 87, lines 6-12, of the application showing deletion of the linker sequence WQTGT of the β 6 sequence RSKAKWQTGTNPLYR (SEQ ID. No. 2) to provide the 10 mer peptide RSKAKNPLYR (SEQ ID No. 3).

In addition, claim 218 has been amended to define the claimed polypeptide as "consisting of" the binding domain for ERK2.

New claim 283 is also added, defining the polypeptide as having a length of 10 or 15 amino acids. Support for this new claim is provided by original claims 12 and 13, and the disclosure at page 13, lines 12 - 15 as originally filed.

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Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and such action is requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

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